(c) whether these Artists have been given Identity Cards by the Delhi Doordarshan; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of programmes are got produced for Delhi Doordarshan by outside producers under various categories viz. Commissioned, Sponsorship and Royalty etc. The details of such producers are not maintained centrally.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Identity Cards are issued to regular employees and the employees working on casual assignments such as programme production staff/news readers/announcers etc. Issuing identity Cards to outside producers is neither necessary nor feasible.

Construction of Postal Buildings

2178. SHRI R.L.P. VARMA:
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI:
SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have acquired land for the construction of postal buildings at village Naliya, Khavada, Kera, Kukma and Lakadia in Kutch district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether construction has been started there;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, since when the proposals are pending alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which Post Offices are likely to be shifted in their own buildings in the above villages?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Plots of land have been acquired by the Government in the following villages of Kutch district of the dates mentioned against each.

S.No.	Name of Village	Date of acquisition
1.	Naliya	15.05.1992
2.	Kera	18.07.1983
3.	Kukma	10.01.1983
4.	Khavada	09.07.1981

No site has been acquired in village Lakadia.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Due to paucity of funds, construction could not be taken up by the Department. Further, the construction of the postal buildings depend on the availability of funds & priority of the projects.

[Translation]

STD to Development Blocks

2179. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA:
GULAM MOHD. MIR MAGANI:
SHRI C. NARASIMHAN:
SHRI N.J. RATHWA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link all the development blocks of each State with STD facility by the end of 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of development blocks wherein STD facility was provided during the year 1996;

(d) the number of STD centres functioning in rural areas in the country, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the policy being adopted for starting more STD centres in the country?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected. The same shall be put on the Table of the House soon.

(e) —STD PCO's on franchise basis are being provided on demand if found technically and administratively feasible.

—STD is being provided on Village Panchayat Telephones on demand on franchise basis where ever it is technically and administratively feasible.

—It is also proposed to cover all Telephone Exchanges with STD facility during the 9th Plan period.

Promotion of Tourism in Uttar Pradesh

2180. SHRI SOHAN BEER:
SHRI L. RAMANA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects cleared in Uttar Pradesh for the promotion of tourism during the Eighth Five Year Plan;